

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) An imaging unit for endoscopes comprising:

optical elements for forming an optical image;

an imaging device for photoelectrically converting the optical image formed by the optical elements;

a case for hermetically storing the optical elements and the imaging device;

a fixing member provided at a predetermined position in the case for fixing the optical elements; and

~~a hermetic seal member having at least said optical element and said imaging device incorporated therein; and~~

an imaging device driving means for moving the imaging device to arbitrarily adjust the position of the imaging device relative to the fixed optical elements making it possible to arbitrarily adjust the position of said imaging device relative to said optical element from outside said hermetic seal member.

2. (Currently Amended) An imaging unit for endoscopes according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the imaging device driving means moves the imaging device in a direction crossing the optical axis is an eccentricity of the optical elements to adjust ~~adjusting means for adjusting eccentricity of the~~ said imaging device relative to the optical axis of ~~said the~~ the optical elements.

3. (Currently Amended) An imaging unit for endoscopes according to claim 1 + 2, wherein ~~said the~~ the imaging device driving means moves the imaging device in optical-axis directions to effect ~~is a focusing adjustment means for moving one of said the~~ optical elements and said the ~~imaging device in optical-axis directions.~~

4. (Previously Amended) An imaging unit for endoscopes according to claim 3, wherein an imaging surface of said imaging device is located substantially in a middle of an engagement length of a frame which holds said imaging device, the engagement length being in the direction of the optical axis.

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5. (Currently Amended) An imaging unit for endoscopes according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ imaging device driving means moves the ~~is an adjusting means for~~ rotating said imaging device in a rotating direction with the optical axis of said the optical elements as a center.